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As families come to tour the School during the admissions process each year, it is not unusual to hear parents comment on how the “feeling of community” is very obvious everywhere they travel on campus. After chatting with Admissions Director Linda Lutz, the four Division Directors and our faculty and staff and watching students interact with one another in the classrooms, parents state that everyone is welcoming, friendly and gets along well with one another. They also remark on our students holding doors open and upon being asked a question, looking them in the eye when answering.

No, it doesn’t matter whether a family comes to our School from around the Bradenton area, drives up US 41 from Sarasota or moves here from Europe, Asia or South America. Upon arrival, everyone becomes a part of the Saint Stephen’s community. This sense of belonging is also shared by administrators, faculty, staff and students. Each day, everyone works together sharing ideas and lessons. Among these is learning to trust one another and establishing relationships wherein individuals feel comfortable

discussing their different viewpoints while respecting the right of others to graciously agree or respectfully disagree. For alumni, the “community feeling” that was here for them throughout their schooling is what brings them back for visits in between college semesters, and on into the future.

In this spring/summer ‘14 edition of the Saint Stephen’s Magazine, you will read about two respected Saint Stephen’s families - one with local roots, the other an international family from Sweden. Both treasure the unique sense of community that has permeated their respective Saint Stephen’s experiences. You’ll also read about a few of our talented teachers bringing a global perspective to the students in all four divisions, making the world feel closer to home for the children. Three featured alumni continue their exciting journeys, and class notes submissions reveal world travels and new life adventures of all kinds for our graduates. I hope you enjoy the many photos and thoughtful words found in this edition.

- JAN PULLEN, HEAD OF SCHOOL



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on campus



MRS. BOOTHBY & CLASS

The four faculty members profiled here (one veteran and three newer community members) routinely “make connections with scholars, students and teachers from around the world in real time; open the world to students at every grade level; travel the world with their students without ever leaving the classroom; encourage global perspective and awareness; and cultivate strong student-teacher relationships.” Their engagement in the “relentless pursuit of innovation” in education, using the amazing resources provided at Saint Stephen’s, is nothing short of excellence in teaching.

Jean Boothby grew up in Gainesville, Florida, the daughter of two University of Florida engineering professors. One of seven children, she grew up spending much of her time outdoors gardening and playing sports. Jean graduated from Florida State University with a degree in Early Childhood Education, which fostered her love of connecting with students and helping them challenge themselves to do their best and strive to learn something new.

When Jean began teaching first grade at Saint Stephen’s fourteen years ago, pen pal letters

were a popular and effective way to communicate with students across the nation. Allowing for time to write a letter, edit and post it, students could expect a letter in return from their pen pals every few months. Now, with just a click of the button, Jean’s students can communicate with people around the globe in a matter of minutes.

Jean first started Skyping with Saint Stephen’s third grade classes while on a trip to Japan. With the ten hour time difference, it was nighttime in Japan but early morning in Bradenton. As the internet was not wireless at Jean’s hotel, she made do with limited cords. But, with her travel partner already fast asleep, it was indeed a challenge to convey a hearty message to a classroom full of 30 students and teachers while maintaining dulcet tones.

Since those early days in Jean’s career, advances in technology have made it easy to travel the world without leaving the classroom. Over the past few years, Saint Stephen’s second grade students have taught middle school students in China about insects and spiders from the science lab. Fourth grade students practiced science vocabulary with some of the same students in China. In another exercise, Fourth grade students gathered information and developed thoughtful questions to ask during a Skype session with shark experts upon their return from Australian dives. Fifth grade students expertly shared rockets they designed with students in Honduras, answering their questions and explaining the creative process. And, first grade students enjoyed hearing from an expert who works at an aquarium situated on Florida’s northeast coastline, and learning that the very same sea turtles that inhabit our local beaches may one day relocate and be spotted there.

With Saint Stephen’s iPad Initiative and advancements in technology, Jean notes that students are making connections with real scientists, students and teachers from around the globe in real time. She happily reports, “these interactions give our students immediate feedback and reliable, pertinent information and build quicker and longer lasting connections. We are sharing websites, exchanging expertise, and in more ways than anyone thought possible, are opening our world to students at almost every grade level.”



Itta Collins began her career as a Middle School Spanish teacher at Saint Stephen’s in fall 2012. Born and raised in Chihuahua, Mexico, she came to the States to attend college in Massachusetts before receiving her B.A. in Spanish from Rowen University in New Jersey. Itta taught at a grammar school early on in her career, where she fondly recalls having had a wonderful mentor. She went on to live in both north and south New Jersey, where she taught high school for fourteen years before relocating to Florida.

Prior to commencing her teaching career, Itta traveled to many countries in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, South America, Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico. Her Latin background and knowledge of foreign countries enables Itta to share her many international experiences with her students. The lessons she

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learned while traveling abroad have provided her with a wealth of information and examples of different cultures that she routinely shares with her students. Also included in Itta's lessons is her passion for cooking, a love she enthusiastically shares with her students. In the process, they learn new vocabulary words and gain a greater understanding of an integral part of Spanish culture – delicious foods!

Itta finds teaching a very important and complex job in today's world. She notes that teachers have the opportunity to make a difference with children, but feels that to achieve a positive result something needs to happen between a student and a teacher. Good chemistry is a vital component of the teacher – student relationship in Itta's opinion, and has a direct impact upon a student's ability to learn.

Itta also believes that the very best educators have a deep love for children, allowing them to tolerate and deal with student frustrations and difficulties that can often dominate the school day. A "good" teacher, she says, senses and uncovers a child's inner potential, despite what appears on the surface. Itta also recognizes that successful teachers address the needs of individual students first, and then incorporate the chosen subject matter. Her philosophy for success in the classroom utilizes integrated instructional strategies to meet the challenges of the students. Her lessons are taught in different ways and formats, this variety addressing all learners and learning styles and allowing all in the classroom to participate and achieve instructional goals.

Itta's aim is to provide a safe environment where all of her students not only learn the

target language – Spanish – but develop a comfort engaging with and speaking about other cultures. Using SS iPad technology enabling classes to communicate with different countries all over the world, one of Itta's classes Skyped with a Chinese middle school, her students teaching international "friends" vocabulary in the target language. One week later, those same school children taught Saint Stephen's students the vocabulary in Chinese. Itta's students have also enjoyed the opportunity to connect with the culture of Spanish-speaking countries through video and lively class discussion.

Blake Hoonhout is the 6th grade World Cultures teacher and the assistant coach for the JV boys' soccer team. He also runs the chess club in the Intermediate School. He is enjoying every part of his second year teaching at Saint Stephen's. Blake studied English at Florida State University and received his Master's



degree from New York University in the Humanities. He has traveled abroad to over twenty countries and studied Spanish in Spain. During the summer, he works as a Trip Director for a teen travel company, where he leads teen language and community service program trips abroad.

One of the major reasons Blake loves working at Saint Stephen's is the teaching philosophy shared by teachers and administration. He says that teachers are all encouraged to teach from their passions, relentlessly pursue innovation and teach to the "whole" child. This, coupled with amazing resources, a sense of community and progressive initiatives, fosters an environment where the children love to come to school, and at the same time engage in deeper learning with very high expectations.

Blake's World Cultures course is a class that explores World Geography and Culture continent by continent, and it is directly tethered to the Spanish and Mandarin material. Blake says his sixth graders are virtually middle school students now, so a major focus of the class includes developing independence, incorporating higher level critical thinking, and encouraging global perspective and awareness. The course is skill-based, pushing students to hone their study, reading, discussion, and presentation skills alongside material. The curriculum also lends itself to project-based learning and collaboration, where Blake finds that the resources at his fingertips have set the stage for some incredible global studies.

The coolest thing about World Cultures, Blake says, is that on a daily basis he throws things at his students that they have never seen before. Students take on problems and projects that are new and difficult for them, using technology that enables them to create products that they

"Students can mine their interests and passions discovered in their studies and work on projects that create awareness for or solve real world problems, or both."

are often surprised by and proud of, and which they can share. The 1:1 iPad Initiative has made studying geography truly global and efficient. Students can access all of the School's subscriptions (magazines, newspapers, Discovery Streaming, etc.) from anywhere. Further, Blake says the iPad enables him to send some of his instruction as homework (through videos and video lectures), allowing students to process the instruction and content on their own time and then engage in dynamic learning and project work in class. For Blake, this is the future of education, and it is a way to inspire students to love learning and love school.

The Global Education Initiative, which focuses on Skyping or corresponding through video or social media with schools around the world, is a great supplement for Blake's class. His students have Skyped with students in Tanzania, Kenya, China, and Honduras, and

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they have participated in Skype discussions with teachers, travelers, and even an adventuring filmmaker with expertise in Central Asian geography and culture. Blake’s favorite projects are the ones that allow students to enter the worlds of the students they meet via Skype and beyond, exploring places they didn’t know were there. He marvels at the team work and ingenuity shown by sixth grade students in creating quality iMovies in just a couple of days, in developing blogs and presentations that are both aesthetically designed and academically informative, in collaborating on live-document projects from remote locations, and at the motivating factor in creating products that will be shared with an audience.

“This is the key,” Blake says. “Students have immediate platforms for sharing their work outside of the 12 people in the classroom; they can mine their interests and passions discovered in their studies and work on projects that create awareness for or solve real-world problems, or both.”

[Editor’s Note: In the 2014-15 school year, Mr. Hoonhout will assume the role of 8th grade English teacher and Upper School Journalism instructor.]



Christina Pommer is the Library Director and Middle/Upper School Librarian in the Sunshine Library. Her favorite aspects of the job are teaching the research process in the age of Google, helping students master organizational strategies, and having an excuse to read young adult romantic comedies at home. Christina moved to Florida to work at Saint Stephen’s



after earning Bachelor’s degrees at Johns Hopkins University in Writing Seminars and Political Science and a Master’s from Florida State University in Library and Information Studies. She is married to Seth Carlson, a Saint Stephen’s faculty member who teaches Physics, Astronomy and Engineering. Christina has visited twenty-four countries, and she and Seth have visited forty-six states.

Saint Stephen’s Global Initiative matches well with Christina’s goals of supporting lifelong learning through curiosity and open-mindedness. She has built the library’s fiction and nonfiction collections of multicultural materials, focusing on stories that share the experiences of teens around the world. She first got involved in Skyping seven years ago, when the Authors’ Club at Saint Stephen’s and students at the Lugalo School in Tanzania met weekly to share their own writing and discuss literature from each culture. Since then, she has assisted teachers in making connections with other schools and in developing programming with them. Christina also teaches digital citizenship skills, placing her in a unique position to foster effective communication patterns. With students today having many opportunities to connect across cultures through text, video, and travel, the digital citizenship curriculum

prepares students to make connections that are fun, culturally aware and respectful.

One of Christina’s favorite projects at Saint Stephen’s was completed in conjunction with Mr. Whelan’s World History class. She visited Japan on a Japan Fulbright Memorial Fellowship educational exchange program, where she compared the educational systems of Tokyo and Okinawa. Christina then shared her findings with the Saint Stephen’s community via her blog and classroom presentations. For this particular collaborative project with Mr. Whelan, students in an English

class in Japan made brochures about the city of Hiroshima. They shared their brochures and video presentations digitally with Saint Stephen’s students, who concurrently compared global news coverage and online commentary on a news article - to learn about tone in written communication. Afterwards, they put their learning into practice by critiquing the Japanese students’ projects and offering feedback, while at the same time learning about contemporary Japanese society from the projects. These kinds of authentic exchanges prepare students for life in an ever-changing and increasingly global society.

MARINE SCIENCE

From marine habitat study in the lower grades through marine ecology topics in the Upper School, students frame their science study through the lens of ocean science. Within the Saint Stephen’s One Ocean curriculum, students measure water quality, study ocean organisms, explore oceanography and complete ocean

research. They also make personal connections to their ocean study due to first-hand experience using both our fleet of kayaks and motor launches supplied by Freedom Boat Club. Our on-campus dock provides strategic, easy access to McLewis Bayou and the Manatee River’s “outdoor classroom” beyond.



United in Commitment

Saint Stephen's has been blessed throughout its 44-year history to have attracted some local and native Floridian families whose vision has brought the School distinction and moved it forward in a myriad of ways. These families, with their generous contributions of time, expertise and financial support, have made invaluable contributions that are evident on campus each day.

Ashlee and Steve Liebel and their three children hold an important place among this esteemed group. The Liebel's oldest, Todd '14, has joined the alumni ranks after graduating in May. He was a "Forever Falcon," having attended Saint Stephen's since Kindergarten. His sisters are current students on that same path, both having come to the school in Pre-K. Bryce '15



will be a senior come fall and Paige will be a fourth grader at the Intermediate School.

When asked what brought them to Saint Stephen's and how the relationship between the School and their family began, Ashlee Liebel said she and husband Steve researched schools from Venice to Bradenton in search of the best fit for their children. They lived in Sarasota at the time, but were immediately drawn to the well-rounded nature of an SS education. The strong focus on academics and the fine and performing arts, plus a complementary emphasis on physical fitness that included diverse team sport options for students, met their criteria beautifully. Ashlee commented that while one school or another might have excelled in a particular area, none came close to rivaling the strength and breadth of Saint Stephen's offerings. The Liebels soon moved from Sarasota to Bradenton to be closer to Saint Stephen's, excited at the prospect of being a part of a school community whose members look out for one another. They found many families had also moved "for the School," and Saint Stephen's quickly became their passion due to their belief in its mission, its small town feel and its progressive educational opportunities with global reach.

From the earliest days, the Liebels got involved in the SS community. Ashlee continues to volunteer in many capacities, and remains friends to this day with other moms with whom she shared lunchroom duty while a "new kid on

the block." Steve served on the Board of Trustees for seven years, working tirelessly to keep Saint Stephen's on the cutting edge with regard to both facilities and academics.

One project in which Steve was instrumental was the construction of docks on the McLewis Bayou, built in conjunction with the Keating family's dredging of the waterway. These vital improvements provide direct access to the Manatee River from the campus. Thanks to Steve's partnership in Duncan Seawall and his supervision of the dock installation, the Marine Science Initiative at Saint Stephen's has grown by leaps and bounds. Classes can now accommodate larger student participation, convincingly elevating Saint Stephen's above the competition in this area of study with routine boating and kayaking for field exploration.

When asked about specific programs that set Saint Stephen's apart or teachers that may have impacted their children's lives, the Liebels immediately professed to being huge Middle School supporters during Steve's tenure on the Board. They noted that the faculty and staff at the Middle School "love" working there, and possess a contagious enthusiasm that fostered a sense of confidence in Bryce and Todd during those sometimes tumultuous 7th and 8th grade years. In terms of curriculum, the School's 5-day per week foreign language instruction has seen the Liebel children adeptly progressing from one year to the next in their levels of proficiency, a sometimes elusive

benchmark at schools with more limited foreign language exposure. Ashlee also pointed out that public speaking instruction from the children's earliest years - from lower school speaking in Chapel to Tropicana Speeches to Upper School speaking opportunities - has resulted in Todd and the girls having grown comfortable and confident in this very important life skill.

The Liebels were reluctant to recognize specific teachers as significant in the children's lives, as their overall experience has been outstanding. But, they did mention Mr. Yanelli in the Upper School as undeniably sparking Todd's desire to study business in college, and that Ms. Misiewicz's Marine Science class was another Todd "fave." Ashlee and Steve also noted the efforts and constant concern for the children's well-being exhibited by Alison York, Sallie Ivin and Priscilla Boyd. As for Bryce, her Middle School years were the time when she made her deepest connections. Mrs. Ackerman and coach/faculty member Marc Jones were both pivotal in her development, and in instilling in her a real love of learning.

With Paige entering 4th grade and Bryce a senior next year, the Liebel legacy at Saint Stephen's continues. But, their hometown devotion and unwavering support of the school to date have contributed mightily to the good health and success of a place where their children, and scores of others, have grown, learned and found their voices.

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Over the years, Saint Stephen's has been the fortunate beneficiary of wisdom and guidance emanating from its international families. An excellent case in point is the ongoing, significant and deeply appreciated counsel and support from the family of alumna Jennifer Sundstrom '13. Jennifer's parents, Mats and Kerstin Sundstrom, have brought a unique perspective to issues related to international and local family cultivation, as well as educational excellence at the School. In his current role on the Board's Long Range Planning Committee, Mats has been instrumental in helping to increase the School's visibility by consulting on the expansion of marketing and



admissions outreach into surrounding communities, his expertise honed in his various business practices throughout the years. The fruits of Mats' committee's labor have resulted in the School's now being on the radar of families who previously might have only considered schools closer to home, Saint Stephen's now strategically promoted and advertised farther afield on a regular basis. Prior to his current committee seat, Mats served on the Board of Trustees from 2010-13.

When asked how the Sundstrom family's relationship with Saint Stephen's began, Mats explained that his introduction to the Bradenton area came in 2005, when he came to the states to improve his tennis game through instruction at what is now the IMG Academy Bollettieri Tennis Program. Home was Sweden at that time, many miles and an ocean away, but Mats quickly became enamored with the climate, conditions and services available in Florida. Bringing the family over from Sweden, leaving its colder and shorter days behind, soon became a priority. IMG's programs earned Mats' confidence in short order, and he decided to enroll young Jennifer in tennis to provide a balance in her education. IMG recommended Saint Stephen's for academics, thus the initial relationship between the Sundstroms and the School was forged around the common goal of seeking excellence in both academics and athletics for Jennifer. Mats and Kerstin recounted that "the choice of selecting Saint Stephen's was an easy one," the ONLY choice as far as

they were concerned to secure the most rigorous and most successful college preparatory experience in the area.

Jennifer's first years were in the Middle School, still housed on the 2nd floor of Christ Church upon her arrival in fall 2007. Able to overlook the modest surroundings, the Sundstroms said Dr. Ann Wolcott provided them with the confidence they needed to know that their little girl was in good hands. Jennifer had arrived speaking little to no English, but the faculty took great care in making her feel comfortable and spent many extra hours helping her learn the language and navigate her studies. Vivid memories of Middle School faculty members and staff include English teacher Mrs. Kuykendall, Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Moran and Mrs. Boyd, and still evoke feelings of fondness and gratitude in Mats and Kerstin when reminiscing about those early days.

Jennifer's high school experience at Saint Stephen's was characterized by determination, hard work and an innate passion for excellence. While her interest in attending Bollettieri waned after two years and she discontinued instruction, the lessons Jennifer learned in tennis training also helped define her future, her having mastered practice and preparation skills at an early age. It was at that juncture that the Sundstroms found themselves at a crossroads, with Mats and Kerstin carefully considering moving back to Europe before Jennifer started 9th grade.

However, the decision was made to remain in Florida as Jennifer was happy and thriving at Saint Stephen's, and didn't want to leave her teachers and friends.

Thus, from humble beginnings with her barely speaking English upon arrival at Saint Stephen's, Jennifer was accepted at and today attends one of the country's premier language schools, Middlebury College. She is enjoying the rigorous liberal arts curriculum while availing herself of her American-found freedom to hold off on declaring a major or career intentions until maturing further and exploring different courses of study. This timeframe is something American students take for granted, as in Sweden students must decide on a course of study while still in the equivalent of their high school years.

The Sundstrom's decision to send Jennifer to Saint Stephen's most certainly impacted her life in a positive way, and her participation at the School enriched the lives of other students. Mats' and Kerstin's involvement continues to resonate in the life of the School today. They share a global perspective that fuels the School's desire to continually reflect upon and better understand the thoughts, values and talents of the many families who have immigrated to this community. The Sundstrom's insights have opened up new and wide-ranging discussions about how to define excellence at Saint Stephen's, and in turn, strive to both create and sustain it for future generations of Falcons.





United in Caring

The Saint Stephen's alumni profiled here are informed and making a difference worldwide. All have enjoyed success in business and other endeavors, quantifiable using standard measures. However, central to their characters and evolving in their lives has been a passion to improve the lot of those less fortunate. All three alumni were international students at Saint Stephen's, each cherishing the memory of being cared for and respected as human beings by the faculty and administration during their school days. We salute their humanitarian efforts and their ongoing community service to mankind, qualities aspired to and at the heart of many lessons taught at their alma mater to this day.



The phrase "beautiful inside and out" truly captures alumna **Tanja Gurjanov Pignatelli '88**. Tanja is an international fashion designer, having launched her first collection of resort wear in 2004

and instantly making a name for herself. Editorial accolades in *Vogue*, *InStyle*, *Women's Wear Daily* and a host of other publications resulted in her unique designs being highly sought-after by celebrities, luxury resorts, high-end boutiques and retailers worldwide. Tanja's product line continues to grow, with the launch of her "official" ecommerce website imminent. It will feature men's and children's wear, exciting additions to her design offerings.

Tanja attended Saint Stephen's in grades 9 – 12, coming to Bradenton from Ontario, Canada to train at Nick Bollettieri's Tennis Academy. She adored her time as a Falcon and a favorite memory involves her classroom experiences with beloved teacher Judy Southerland, who passed away last fall. Evidently, Mrs. Southerland often tempered dry chemistry lessons by infusing her own fascinating, real life experiences - all told employing her clever wit and a sense of

humor that routinely kept the class entertained. "There was never a dull moment in her class," Tanja recalls.

Tanja's creativity and keen fashion sense were evident at a young age. She worked with her mother to create one-of-a-kind dresses for her and her sister, and as a teen she was a runway model gracefully exuding her own distinctive style. Her studies at Saint Stephen's paved the way for her admission to Pepperdine University (CA). Soon after graduation, she married and embarked upon a world tour with her new husband.



Tanja Pignatelli Desert Collection

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Their adventures inspired Tanja's first collection of distinctive accessories, which fast became "must haves" for socialites throughout Europe, New York and Los Angeles.



Fast forward to a recent press release about Tanja entitled, "A Princess on a Mission." The "princess" part is derived from her husband's holding the title of Prince of the Holy Roman Empire. (He is also heir to a thousand year lineage that includes kings of Sicily and Spain, Catherine of Aragon [1st wife of King Henry VIII], a pope and a bona fide saint!) It is, however, the word "mission" in the title that is unquestionably the most meaningful. It stems from Tanja's being a true humanitarian at heart.



Her life's mission is to use her talents and position to positively impact the lives of underprivileged children, families, and victims of human trafficking. A portion of every sale goes to the Tanja Pignatelli Foundation, and is then donated to philanthropic organizations like the Dream Center Los Angeles, the Oasis of Hollywood and Hand of Hope. On a Saturday morning, Tanja is often seen helping with Adopt-a-Block Outreach, a Dream Center initiative helping those in need. Now, that is indeed a sight to behold - an SSES alumna who is truly and "beautifully" making a difference in the world.



A father of two, a member of the United States Military, a corporate liaison for a non-profit organization dedicated to helping war torn refugees from all over the globe, a lifelong student currently

pursuing a joint JD/MBA and working towards becoming an international criminal prosecutor, a tennis coach, a student in the Africana Studies, French and Public Policy departments at the University of Arizona, a world traveler...what better way to sum up alumnus **Lamine Coker Bangoura '93** than to call him a Renaissance Man.

When reminiscing about his years at Saint Stephen's, Lamine is filled with emotion and gratitude saying, "I hold Saint Stephen's at the center of my heart." He enthusiastically describes his years as a Falcon as "the pinnacle of my life, a life-changing experience." Lamine credits many at Saint Stephen's for his drive and success post-high school. While a student, his host families were those of faculty members Mrs. Ann Marie Shields and Mrs. Mary Ann Ewert, both of whom warmly recall Lamine enjoying holidays at their homes.

Arriving at Saint Stephen's from Guinea, West Africa at the start of sixth grade, Lamine continued on through 12th grade as an international student. He was also enrolled at the Bollettieri Tennis Academy, honing his impressive tennis skills during a portion of each school day. Lamine



also played tennis for the Falcons, receiving the coveted Saint Stephen's Coach's Award for his valuable contributions to the team. After rooming with several soon-to-be world class players at the Tennis Academy, Lamine did go on to play tennis on the professional circuit for some years, enjoying much success. He still coaches individuals today in his own business and remains active and fit.

Lamine recounts that from his very first day at Saint Stephen's, he was embraced by Head of School John Howard and the faculty and staff, for whom no task nor amount of time spent with him was beyond them in terms of their caring and concern for his well-being. He fondly remembers one teacher, Mrs. Judy Southerland, as a mother figure and source of great comfort when he needed it most. Her kindness still resonates, as does that of Mr. Patrick Whelan, who awakened in him a love of history and a particular penchant for the study of the Antebellum South and the Civil War. Lamine recalls being introduced to the works of author Shelby Foote by Mr. Whelan, the books bringing history alive for him and keeping it relevant to this day. He also notes that Mrs. Shields had an enthusiasm in her science class instruction that "got that side of his brain working," his hat's off to her for teaching him so very well.

Lamine wants everyone to know that he lives his life giving thanks. He returns to Guinea as often as possible with his daughter and son, his wanting them to know family living there and understand their heritage and culture. When visiting, they often do community service and perform acts of kindness together, an integral part of their lives instilled by their father. Today, Lamine attends graduate school at the University of Arizona studying public policy; next stop London to complete his dual degree requirements. But, one thing is for certain. He will do so thankfully and will continue to expand his horizons as he is just that kind of fellow - a compassionate and caring citizen of the world.



Emil Abeng '88 was born in east Indonesia's largest city, Makassar, a distant 12 time zones away from Bradenton. He is the son of Tanri Abeng, a national figure and founder of the

newly established TAU (Tanri Abeng University). For decades, Emil's father led multi-national corporations and was a Cabinet Minister and member of Indonesia's legislative branch of government. Emil credits his father for teaching him that through continuous study, hard work, progressive thinking and effective time management skills, one can prosper and reach amazing heights while affecting change in both private sector business and in the public realm.

Emil moved often as a child due to his father's business endeavors. At age seven, he lived in America for one year with a foster family. He then joined his father in Singapore for four

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years before heading back to Indonesia. Following his junior year in high school, Emil came to Saint Stephen's to complete his education. A well-liked, industrious and independent student, Emil took on jobs cutting grass and washing cars to supplement his pocket money. He was the captain of the Falcon varsity soccer team and a baseball team member, all the while playing the drums with flair and panache.

After graduation, Emil followed in his father's footsteps attending the University of Buffalo and earning a B.A. in Business Administration. At UB, Emil served for three years as chairman of the student association called Indonesian Students in America, alumni of the college from Indonesia numbering well over 100. Many graduates have returned home after entrepreneurial studies and played strategic roles in the nation's growth and economic development.

When it came time for Emil to enter the workforce, he gained experience at outside firms before becoming a management trainee in his family's industries. In 2003, he established Walinusa Energy, now a leader in the energy infrastructure field. He is also President and CEO of Tason



Holdings, a company he co-founded with his father and brother and where he was instrumental in growing personnel from 1000 to 2000 employees. Emil maintains other investments in Indonesia in various sectors including the hotel industry, the chocolate trade in South Sulawesi, an oil refinery in Selayar and schools/education in Malino, Gowa.

Since securing capable management for his business and investments, Emil has been free to follow his passion and work on behalf of the Indonesian people in a government role. He was appointed a Member of Parliament and elected to the House of Representatives Electoral District I, South Sulawesi in '09. In this capacity, Emil initiated public policy saying, "I am merely striving to change the fate of the nation through policies in favor of the people." Prior to his election, Emil served as Treasurer of Research and Development for the Golkar Party from 2004-07. His philanthropic endeavors are ongoing, his involvement extensive at humanitarian non-profits such as the Latimojong and Anakkukang Foundations.

While serving the people of Indonesia, Emil maintains his broad business network in hopes of bringing more investors to the nation. At this writing, he eagerly anticipates his re-election to Parliament and his voice continuing to resonate on policies regarding real estate development, rural market development, establishment of women's cooperatives and strengthening of education across Indonesia. However, to lovely daughters Nabila and Ihdina and his wife, Kingdom Syukhlina, Emil's most important titles are #1 father and caring husband, his position as esteemed statesman a distant second.

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KEEPING UP WITH OUR ALUMNI



Left: Dr. Jennifer Moscoso '05 to wed Jonathan Conde in March '15. Top center: Father-of-the-bride Michael Clifford '85 & daughter Morgan Noel. Right: Bride/Dr. Kimberly Goss Wilson '04 with Nicholas Goss Esq. '06 (l) and groom Andrew Wilson (r). Bottom center: Newly married alumni Krista Tuff Schick '06 and Michael Schick '07

80 Kevin West attended Saint Stephen's for three years and in each he was chosen as the tennis team's "Most Valuable Player." Kevin was born in Los Angeles, CA, and returned to his roots after high school to pursue a career as an actor and director. He won a "Best Actor" Cleo Award in 1989 for his role in a very popular Little Caesar's Pizza commercial. Kevin has since landed roles in many movies and prime time television shows including Indecent Proposal, The West Wing, ER, The O.C., Alias and Gone in Sixty Seconds.

85 Proud dad Michael Clifford's daughter Morgan Noel was married in Savannah in April to her high school sweetheart, Christian Marsden. Michael and his family live in Bradenton where he works as a technology consultant, infrastructure and software architect and web designer at a company he founded called Infolytical, LLC.

87 Rena Creighton-Hunkeler graduated from UCF in 1991 and lives in Bradenton where she works for the Department of Juvenile Justice as an Assistant Chief Probation Officer. Rena was an outstanding athlete at Saint Stephen's, the only female and an integral part of the varsity soccer team and an All-Conference recognition recipient. She was also the leading scorer and All-Conference on the Lady Falcon's basketball team in her senior year.

88 Quoting from her website, Tanja Gurjanov Pignatelli's clothing design style "harmonizes European elegance with the effortless glamour of the Californian lifestyle." Read more about Tanja's inspiration and burgeoning fashion business in this edition's featured Alumni profiles.

90 John Stark is a Director at Navigant's San Francisco office. John works closely with corporate and law firm clients, creating and

organizing expert teams and solutions and addressing complex litigation issues, corporate investigations, and compliance and regulatory matters. Prior to joining Navigant in '04, John worked in the legal and business development group at Tahoma Networks. Before joining Tahoma in '02, he practiced law at the NY office of Shearman & Sterling. During law school, John worked for a number of financial and regulatory institutions including the SEC, the CFTC and the U.S. Export-Import Bank.

95 Congratulations to **Dr. Farrah Fang** on the arrival of the newest member of her growing family, Thomas ("Tom") Wan Fang. Tom arrived on March 14, 2014 and weighed in at 7 lbs., 1 oz. Farrah reports that big brother Andy and big sister Suzy are thrilled with their new sibling.

96 Congratulations to **Christine Turner Ashburn** on the birth of her second daughter, Hadley Grace, on November 15, 2013. Christine lives in Tallahassee with husband Courtney and Hadley's big sister Mackenzie. Christine is the Director of Communications, Legislative and External Affairs at Citizens Property Insurance, having worked for the firm for over 8 years.

97 **Kate Arpke Houle** has been doing yoga for more than ten years. She started her Yoga practice after attending free community classes in an effort to get relief for some very serious health conditions. Her success in combating the stress and anxiety related to autoimmune diseases, specifically Type I Diabetes and Menieres Disease, inspired Kate to study Yoga Therapy and help others manage similar stresses. Kate is a 200-hour RYT, Integrative Yoga Therapist, as well as a certified Trauma Sensitive Yoga Teacher qualified to teach yoga to populations with PTSD, GAD and PD. Kate also has a BFA in Theater from the University of Central Florida and has a strong background in dance and music. She plays bass and sings in a band with her husband. A former professional



athlete, Kate started show skiing at age ten. She skied competitively on a national level and in public shows for more than 20 years; first in her amateur, hometown water ski club, The Sarasota Ski-A-Rees, and then professionally at both Cypress Gardens of Florida and Sea World of San Antonio. Kate now resides in Austin, TX, where she passionately helps others find their own personal joy in movement. She sees private Yoga clients who require more personal attention than can be given in traditional group Yoga classes, and teaches several small group classes funded by donation each week. Additionally, she volunteers her Yoga instruction in a middle school after-school program targeting underserved youth. Kate is also a writer who lives full time in an RV with her husband of eleven years, Rob, and their cat Sunny. One can read her blog about minimalism, travel and the RV lifestyle at MassiveTinyDreams.com.

00 Congratulations to **Colin Boyd** and wife Katy on the birth of their first child, son Noah James, born on October 23, 2013.

Welcome also to baby Finley, son of **Alejandra Perez Rollins** and her husband Graham. The Rollins family resides in Washington, D.C., where Alejandra received her law degree at George Washington University Law School. She did her undergraduate studies at The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA.

Parks Robinson is co-owner and general manager of Fit2Run, recently voted among the "Top 50 Best Running Stores in America." As of May '13, Fit2Run has 8 stores nationwide, the venture initially launched in 2006 by Parks and his father Bill. Fit2Run was also recognized by the *Business Observer* (a weekly newspaper for business leaders on the Gulf Coast) as a 2013 Entrepreneur of the Year winner in the category of \$15 million to \$50 million. The editors of the *Business Observer* survey areas from Tampa to Naples in search of candidates who reflect not only the ingenuity and entrepreneurial drive on the Gulf Coast, but also the larger picture of what's going on in the region.

Jessica Casciola is an attorney in Bradenton working for the Office of the Public Defender. She received her J.D. at University of Florida's Fredric G. Levin College of Law in '07, after doing her undergraduate studies at New College of Florida in Sarasota.

01 **Whitney Van Winkle** is a veterinarian and President/Owner of Gulf Coast Equine, a Sarasota-based practice she started in January 2011. Whitney graduated from University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School in 2009 and completed a one year equine medical and surgical internship in Rhinebeck, NY before returning home. She is thrilled to be doing business in Sarasota.

Congratulations to **Adam Fernandez** and wife Meaghan on the arrival of their son, Adam Joseph Fernandez II, on January 11, 2014. Adam and Meaghan are both attorneys and live in Tampa where Adam works for the Clark Martino law firm. Back in 2010, Adam accepted an appointment as criminal prosecutor with the State Attorney's Office for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in Hillsborough County. In that role, he tried and successfully prosecuted over 1000 misdemeanor and felony cases.

Andy Menard is now co-owner of Joe H. Tanner Baseball, a company in Sarasota started by his grandfather in 1989 after a 50-year career playing and coaching professional baseball. The business had humble beginnings with tees skillfully made in Mr. Tanner's garage. The business remains in the family to this day, now run by grandsons Andy and A.J. Menard. Andy told mysuncoast.com news that he has the utmost respect for his grandfather, his partner A.J. quick to add, "the Tanner Tee is front and center...Anywhere you go, you see Tanner Tees!"

Megan Galizia was on the road to Brooklyn, NY in March when the short she produced called The Best Friend was featured at the Brooklyn Girl Film Festival. The picture won the AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD for Best Short. The buzz for this clever twist on a romantic comedy remains strong, the film also a selection

at other renowned film festivals including the Sedona International Film Festival, the 2014 North Hollywood CineFest, NewFilmmakers Los Angeles, Siouxland Film Festival, the Los Angeles International Women's Film Festival and Phoenix Film Festival. Megan spoke at Columbia University in late March on the legalities of financing independent films and the JOBS Act.

More baby news and congratulations to **Tom "T.J." Braxtan** and wife Nicole on the birth of their second child and first daughter, Penelope Grace Braxtan, on February 17, 2014. Penelope was 8 lbs., 9 oz. and 21.5 inches long.

03 **Derek Teahan** left the U.S. Army in January after completing two tours of duty in Afghanistan and four years of service to our country. He now works for a sub-contractor with the Nissan Corporation in Smyrna TN, where he lives with wife Bethany and two young sons, Braden (5) and Colten (2).

04 **Tina Greene** welcomed a healthy, beautiful baby boy on February 28, 2014. Joshua arrived weighing in at 8 lbs., 8 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Kennedy Legler and his wife Emmalee celebrated a precious little redhead joining their family with the birth of Brynn Emma Legler on March 23, 2014.

Katherine Hernandez Polenz moved from New York to Texas where she has a new job as Strategic Communications Specialist at Texas Christian University.

Belated best wishes to **Kimberly Goss Wilson** on her March 2, 2013 marriage to Andrew Wilson. Kim and Andrew live in Tampa where she is a resident at USF Health's Division of Emergency Medicine and works at Tampa General Hospital. Tampa General is a level 1 trauma center, regional burn center and a transplant center for both adults and pediatrics. Kim graduated from from USF Morsani College of Medicine in 2012 after completing her undergraduate studies at UF.

05 Congratulations to **Jennifer Moscoso** on her engagement to Jonathan Conde on November 9, 2013. The couple is very much looking forward to their March 6, 2015 nuptials. More good news for Jennifer; she will continue her medical path to becoming a dermatologist in July. She was matched at Broward Health Medical Center Dermatology Residency in Ft. Lauderdale. Jennifer graduated from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in May 2013.

Best wishes to **Susan Butler** on her engagement to Alejandro Ciniglio. The couple met while students at Princeton and have been together for five years. After a brief stint in Seattle, Susan now lives in Princeton, NJ and works at the Princeton University Investment Company. The firm manages the investment of the University's endowment. Alejandro works as a developer for a start-up in New York called Adaptly. The couple plans to marry in 2015 in the Bradenton-Sarasota area.

Erin Beach lives in Boston and works at Northeastern University's Snell Library as a library aide. She supervises student staff at the library circulation/information desk; manages the entryway security desk and oversees implementation of library access policy. Other responsibilities include booking and general circulation of library rooms and materials, management of patron accounts and billing and processing of inter-library loan requests for consortia library partners. Erin received her BA in English at Brown University in '09 and her master's in English at Northeastern in 2011.

Harry Smolker was accepted into the University of Colorado Boulder's Cognitive Psychology and Neuroscience Ph.D. Program in February '14. At that time, he was working as a Professional Research Assistant at UC Boulder. Harry is an '09 graduate of Vassar College where he majored in Cognitive Science. After Vassar, he worked in the University of Pennsylvania's Neuropsychiatry Department.

Brittany Skoda graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business in '09 with a BS degree in Accounting and Finance. She now lives in San Francisco where she is an Investment Banking Associate at Goldman Sachs.



Brad Rusin is back in the Sunshine State. In February, Orlando City SC

announced signing the former Vancouver Whitecaps defender for the 2014 USL PRO season. An athletic and powerful defender, Brad joined the Whitecaps in January '13 after spending the prior year and a half with Danish club HB Køge. Brad played at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) after beginning his professional career in '09 with the Carolina Railhawks of the USL First Division. After a three year stint with the Railhawks, Brad signed a three-year contract with HB Køge, who had just been promoted to the Danish Superliga at that time.

06 **Jaclyn "Jaci" Nora** and Marc Cardwell were married in Sarasota on December 28, 2013. The list of members of the Saint Stephen's community and alumni in attendance was long and included **Danielle '06** and **Bianca Pol '10**, **Laura Heyl Bellinger '06** and husband **Jared Bellinger '07**, **Anum Ahmed '06**, **Taylor Kitz Wood '04**, **Avery Russell '08**, **Nora '08** and **Brian Gentry '13**, **Michael '13**, **Chris '09** and **Geoff Cover '04**, Jamie Marshall, Rob Moran and Preston and Priscilla Boyd.



Jaci and Marc met while Marc was on active duty in the Navy. He graduated from the

United States Naval Academy and now teaches at Loomis Chaffee, a CT boarding school. Marc is pursuing his masters at the University of Pennsylvania and Jaci is working towards her master's in marine biology at UWF.

Congratulations to **Nick Goss** on his 2013 graduation from NYU Law School and on passing the NY Bar exam. Nick is employed by the storied NYC branch of Latham & Watkins.

Faculty member Patrick Whelan had a wonderful time listening to **Jill Tuckerman Leverett** speak in her role as Park Ranger at Castillo de San Marcos National Monument in St. Augustine in early December. Jill works for the National Park Service and gives talks about Castillo de San Marcos, the oldest masonry fort in the United States.

Best of luck to **Kiley Eastman** on her joining the Lakewood Ranch branch of Keller Williams Realty in February. Kiley is excited to help market and sell homes in the beautiful area where she was raised and continues to call home.

Krista Tuff married alumnus **Michael Schick '07** on February 22, 2014. The couple began dating while students at Saint Stephen's. Michael was accepted and will attend MIT this fall.

Andrew Terman and **Katie Ball** got engaged on Christmas Day. Andrew proposed to Katie in front of their families at her parent's house and the couple will be married in Sarasota on December 6th, 2014.



07 **Ashton Whidden** earned her master's degree in Business Administration and Leadership at Franklin Pierce College in 2013 and was inducted

into the National Honor Society Sigma Beta Delta. The highlight of her graduate study years was organizing and implementing the 1st Annual Women in Sports Dinner at the University. Congratulations are also in order on Ashton's engagement to Christopher Verzone in November '13. She and Christopher have been dating for six years and are planning a fall 2015 wedding.

Stewart Moon was selected by the University of Tampa Entrepreneurship Center's Alumni Committee (UTEC) to receive the 2014 Family Business Award. Established in 2012 to recognize the wonderful entrepreneurial achievements of UT alumni, Stewart received the award at a February event held on campus in the Grand Salon at Plant Hall. UTEC recently received a prestigious award naming it the #1 emerging entrepreneurship program in the country by the U.S. Association of Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Best wishes to **Lizzie Lindsay** on her March engagement to Nick Shepherd. Nick is from Birmingham, AL and the couple met as students at SMU. Nick proposed at White Rock Lake in Dallas, surprising Lizzie by having some 60 of their family and friends on hand to celebrate with them.



Kartik Telukuntla graduated from University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine in May and will do his residency at

the University of Pennsylvania. In August '13, as a fourth year medical student, Kartik received the Florida Board of Medicine's prestigious Chairman's Recognition Award. Ana E. Campo, M.D., Associate Dean for Student Affairs at the

University, said “Kartik is a great student who truly exemplifies the values that the award honors - compassion, professionalism, moral character and intellect.” Kartik was a 2009 Rhodes Scholar finalist and also served as the Student Trustee on the University of Miami Board of Trustees and President of the Medical School Student Government. He was also a member of the Jay Weiss Pathway for Health Equity and was inducted into the Iron Arrow Honor Society, the highest honor a student can attain at the University.

08 Kudos to **Molly Tuckerman Cook** on becoming an R.N. and starting work at Manatee Memorial Hospital in January. She studied nursing at the State College of Florida and is married to SS alumnus **Kenton Cook '06**.



Nina Haaskivi won the Miss Manatee County Fair on January 11th and will go on to compete in the Miss Florida pageant later this year. Bravo to a smart and beautiful alumna.

Morgan Fragapane Parks and husband Drew are thrilled to announce the arrival of Zoe Agape Parks on December 20, 2013. The Parks have made Central, SC their home and Morgan and Drew work for a college ministry at Clemson called Campus Outreach. Morgan said she feels blessed that their ministry “helps equip students with the tools to enjoy their walk with the Lord and help others to enjoy Christ too.”

Jonathan Teahan graduated from UCF in December 13, 2013 with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He was hired by JSM and Associates Engineering in January and lives in Orlando. Best wishes to Jon on his April 6th engagement to Nadia Ganim.

Melissa Ivin checked in from her apartment in DC as she finished up her second rotation in Capital One's Finance Rotation Program. She was anxiously awaiting news on when and where her final rotation will be, commencing in July '14

09 **Joshua Breitweiser** married Shelby King on October 26, 2013. The wedding was a picturesque beach affair held at the Gulf Drive Café's Tiki Bar in Bradenton Beach.

Hayden Hill moved to Los Angeles where he is a software engineer at Motorola.

Royce Carrington graduated from the University of Miami in May '13 with a B.S. in Mechanical/Aerospace Engineering and a minor in Economics (shout out to Mr. Yanelli!). Royce now works for Eaton Corporation as a sales engineer; the firm is a global, diversified power management company. Since graduation, Royce has flown in both Florida and Utah and earned his private pilot's license from the FAA. He is currently working on his instrument rating.

Alex Walters works for Oracle as an associate sales rep in Boston, MA, after completing six weeks of Oracle job training in CA in January.

Carolyn Pinegger of Germany turned golf professional immediately after graduation from UCF in May '13. At UCF, she received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Management while excelling in her role as captain of the women's golf team. She was selected to the prestigious Captain's Council, an organization that holds monthly meetings on how to be a better leader and help other team members become leaders in their own right. In January, Carolyn was readying for her first season on the Symetra tour, known as the “road to the LPGA.” She hopes to finish in the top 10 in '14 and earn her full LPGA tour card for 2015. Multi-dimensional, Carolyn is also co-founder of GLBrain, a new platform aiming to provide a better connection between users and internet content. GLBrain gives users the opportunity

to use, create, structure and bundle internet content themselves, as well as make the information available to others in a very focused and direct fashion (www.glbrain.com).

Garrett Loh founded a new company in June '13 called FC Flamingo, a consulting, design, and development agency specializing in digital technology. The main office is located in Los Angeles, but the firm is now bicoastal having recently opened a branch in NYC. Garrett strives to create a positive work experience for him and others. “Impact is what drives everyone out of bed in the morning and keeps us all motivated past hours. We also have to work harder to find people with whom we like to work! I try to solve my problems by learning something new every day, which is something I believe I began doing during my time at Saint Stephens.”

10 **Amy Ivin** graduated from UNC this spring and is thrilled to begin her teaching career at Oak Hall School in Gainesville, FL come fall. Amy says Oak Hall is an independent school that is very similar to Saint Stephen's in many respects, and she hopes to also get involved in coaching girls' soccer in addition to her academic duties.

Olivia O'Driscoll learned in March that she got her dream job working for the Interpol Washington U.S Central Bureau. She will either be assigned to the Drug, Human Trafficking and Child Protection Services or Violent Crimes Divisions. Congratulations Olivia!

Jeremy Thompson is the owner and founder of Captive Born Investments, Inc. in Sarasota. Jeremy's company is a private breeder of a variety of snake species ranging from Ball Pythons to Florida Kingsnakes. The reproduction of rare color mutations has grown to be the main focus of Jeremy's business. Snake lovers can view amazing and colorful photographs showcasing Jeremy's breeding efforts and techniques at: www.captiveborninvestments.net. Jeremy recently graduated from Florida Southern College.

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11 **Daniel Kanoff** attends the University of Pennsylvania and is working towards his B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering. He was accepted and served as a research assistant in the very prestigious Princeton University Program MIRTHERU (Mid-Infrared Technologies for Health and the Environment) from June '11 through September '12. The MIRTHERU program focuses on providing students with the opportunity to carry out research at the forefront of mid-IR spectroscopy and engineering. Daniel was both a National Merit Scholar and a National AP Scholar at Saint Stephen's.

Congratulations to **Bobby Stanell** on being accepted into the Master's in Accounting Program at Washington University in St. Louis. He has completed his undergraduate studies there and will remain on for a fifth year, graduating with an advanced degree.

13 Saint Stephen's Football Coach Tod Creneti provided an exciting alumni update on **Victoria “Tori” Biach** in December. He reminded all that upon graduating from SSSES last year, Tori headed north for college... way north! “Tori took her student-athlete tool kit to Northern State University in SD and handled it well, finishing in the “top 5” on her team in four categories: Sets played (Tied for 1st place); Kills (4th place); Points (4th place); and Blocks (1st place).”

Fall and Winter Events



Spirited Alumni back for the annual Alumni Soccer Game '13



Jennifer Sundstrom '13, Harris Dunlap '13, Spencer Nora '13, Herman Israelsson '13 & Gabrielle Woodruff '13



2013 classmates Jay Manson, Victoria Biach, Ben Israel & Brendan Worthy



Nilan Patel '12, Joshua Kezar '12, Rob Webster '12, Kyle Whelan '12, Griffin Guinta '12, Liam Mercier '12, Ishpaul Bhambher '12 & Chad Tolentino '12



Standing L-R: Chad Tolentino '12 (Trinity University) & Nilan Patel '12 (Wake Forest University) Seated L-R: Ben Israel '13 (Notre Dame), Connor Lynch '13 (Brown) Jillian Kernan '11 (University of Miami), Naarai Jacobs '10 (Howard University), Shelby Fauvel '13 (Florida Southern College) and Danielle Wall '11 (Harvard)



Yale Whim 'n Rhythm Troupe



Joe Dickerson w/Brittany Scroggins '05, Taylor Kitz Wood '04, Jason Duke '06, Whitney Scott '05 & Dr. Pullen at Encore Evening



Dr. Jan Pullen and distinguished alumni guest speaker JB Tucker III '00 at the 2014 Senior Luncheon

1. ANNUAL ALUMNI SOCCER GAME

Twenty-two Saint Stephen's graduates played in the 1st Alumni Soccer Game ever held on the turf at Moore Athletic Complex on Sunday, December 22nd (40 alumni returned in all). The varsity prevailed with the aid of a couple borrowed alumni players, defeating the alumni squad with a three-goal surge in the game's final minutes. It was a blast seeing old friends reunite.

2. WINTER BREAK LUNCHEON

The 2nd Annual Winter Break Luncheon for college-age Alumni was held on Wednesday, January 8th. The event was very well-attended; 26 alums returned to campus to grab a bite, catch up with one another and chat with current students and former teachers about their college adjustment and experiences.

3. ALUMNI PANEL DISCUSSION

On January 8th, 9th – 12th graders listened eagerly as eight alumni college students spoke about "real life" in the classrooms at their respective institutions. Dr. Watts asked the panelists if they felt their Saint Stephen's education prepared them well for college, and about ways in which they may have felt unprepared in any respect. All reported handling assignments comfortably, but some expressed missing small classes and the keen interest taken by SSES faculty in their well-being.

4. WHIM 'N RHYTHM PERFORMANCE

Yale University's 33-year-old a cappella group Whim 'n Rhythm, featuring alumna Kathleen Addison '10, visited Saint Stephen's on March 11th and performed before the entire student

body in two spectacular performances. The troupe consists of 14 women representing the best and most experienced female musicians of the senior class. The troupe sings on both national and international stages.

5. ALUMNI ENCORE EVENING

This year's successful Alumni Encore Evening reception was held prior to the Friday night, March 14th performance of the 2014 All-School Spring Musical, Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka. Alumni and families gathered in the Middle School Courtyard and were treated to snacks and colorful Wonka candy treats; everyone got a golden ticket! The evening commemorated Preston Boyd's 21st and last production before his June '14 retirement, as well as the last for producer and beloved music guru

Jamie Marshall, also leaving Saint Stephen's at year's end.

6. THE ANNUAL SENIOR LUNCHEON

The Class of '14 was honored at the annual Senior Luncheon on Wednesday, April 30th, hosted by Dr. Jan Pullen and the Alumni Office in Parish Hall. The event was an early class welcome into the Saint Stephen's Alumni Association, with Dr. Pullen imparting insightful words to the soon-to-be graduates. Guest speaker JB Tucker III '00 provided just the right mix of humor, nostalgia and advice to the seniors, captivating them with his own story and relaying remarkable accomplishments of his SSES classmates. He closed reminding the students that the possibilities for each of them are limitless.

Fall and Winter Events



1. FALCON 5K

- 1.1 And they're off - 10th Annual Falcon 5K
- 1.2 Winning smiles at Falcon 5-K: Cindy and Giovanni Bollettieri

2. POLO CUP

Enjoying polo and Saint Stephen's camaraderie are Woody Woodworth, Teri Woodworth and Anne Rourke

3. PARENTS' ASSOCIATION GRAND GALA

- 3.1 Flapper moms Diane Rodriguez, Krista Varaday and Julie Hagen
- 3.2 Tony and Sarah Zanoni looking spiffy



1. GAME CHANGERS

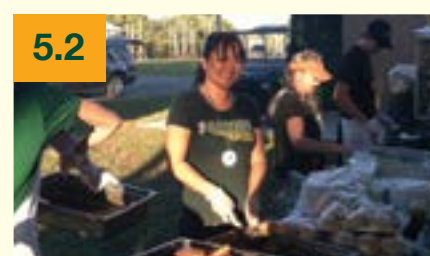
- 4.1 Dr. Pullen and Board President Hugh Miller welcome Game Changers guest speaker Herman Boone
- 4.2 Our parents with Game Changer Sponsors.

5. TAILGATING EXTRAVAGANZA

- 5.1 Senior Day moms Anna Smith and Lorraine Jackman
- 5.2 Jenny Schiavone mans the grill at the Moore Athletic Complex Grand Opening and Tailgating Extravaganza

6. FALL FESTIVAL

Chili anyone? Karen Liebel dishes at Fall Festival Chili Cook-off



traditions



The Advancement Office is honored to be a part of Saint Stephen's traditions like the Senior Walk, and to support and work on behalf of the School's mission to "provide a superior academic program which prepares each student for a college or university compatible with the individual's academic ability, interests and needs."

The Advancement Team salutes The Class of 2014 as its members exit the School's majestic gates. You have made us proud; we hope that you will always think of Saint Stephen's as a second home and visit often.

To all of our supporters, thank you for your support of this year's Saint's Fund and Mini-Campaign!

The contributions of our donors to the 2013-14 Saint's Fund helped us provide the 'value added' curriculum and events necessary to ensure that our students and faculty teach and learn at the very highest levels.

The 2013-14 Mini-Campaign provided an impressive capstone to the Moore Athletic Complex at Turner Fields with the addition of the Falcon Field House. Our student-athletes now flourish in this state-of-the-art facility that has served not only our students, but many athletes and families of Manatee County and beyond.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2014

Rebecca Faith Banks	Connor Reed Field	Devin Martin	Rachel Nichole Stanell
Bradley Joseph Beazant	Shihan Geng	McSweeney	Alexander Paul
Gabriella Genzina	Savannah Marie	William Chase Myer	Stolarczyk
Berlanti	Glasgow	Eric Douglas Nolting	Christina Flora Mary
Henry James Bernet	Justin Thomas Gregorius	Jacqueline Danielle	Anne Taylor
Tiagpaul Bhamber	Skylar Barrows Gummin	Perron	Geraldine Corton
Lauren Elizabeth Biach	Kayla Jo Hayes	Ashley Marie Peterson	Versfeld
E Caitlin Brown	Jeremy Spencer	Delia Jane Thelma	Sabrina Noelle Viota
Chelsea Anne Burgess	Jackman	Revard	Alix April Wood
Patrick James Joseph	Rohan Pankaj Jain	Rebecca Penberthy Roat	Mary Ellen Woodson
Byrnes	Kristin Lea Jones	Eric Thomas Roberts	Jason Wu
Megan Manning Carr	Matthew David Jones	Pantita Saithip	Jiacheng Wu
Micaela Anne Cleall	Zachary Cole Kanter	Omar Adnan Sammour	Liyin Xu
Kemery Jene' Colbert	Tejjan Raj Kapoor	Kirsten Alexandra	Jiaming Yang
Sebastien Pierre	Lewis George Khella	Samuels	Tiffany Yoon
Seward Cook	Todd Steven Liebel	Elena Gratiela Sava	Jorge Luis Zavala IV
Diego Cordoba Urrutia	Maria Katherine Liebert	Austin Siegel	Kateryna Zavhorodnya
Nicole Marie Cronen	Christopher Gary	Darrin Natale Simone Jr.	Wenjie Zhang
Lauren Elizabeth Csubak	Mattheys	Peter Tommy Smith	Qihao Zhao
Laura Catherine DeMaio	Christopher John	YuJian Song	Zhuo Zhao
William Phillip Drog	McCarthy	Nicholas Johan	
		Sorenson	



Save the Date!

ANNUAL ALUMNI HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, September 18, 2014

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

HOMECOMING

Friday, October 10, 2014

Pre-Game Alumni Reception &
Campus Tours - 5:30 p.m.

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

Moore Athletic Complex at Turner Fields
7:00 p.m. Kick-off

ANNUAL ALUMNI SOCCER GAME

Sunday, December 21, 2014

11:30 a.m.

CLASS OF '04 10TH REUNION

December 2014 @ Holiday Time
(Stay tuned for date and venue!)

